GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
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PRODUCTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have worked out per tonne production cost of the coal and lignite;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the production of coal has been decreasing during the last few years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) if not, the details thereof for the last three years;

(f) whether the Government have conducted any survey of the coal mines;

(g) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;

(h) the quantum of coal and lignite produced during the last three years and till date yearwise and State-wise;

(i) whether the Demand orders of coal have been issued by the Government; and

(j) if so, the basis and details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (j): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the answer to parts (a) to (j) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 35 for answer on 25.7.2000.

As per the information available from Coal India Limited (CIL) the latest cost of production of coal in CIL is Rs.532 per tonne. As per information given by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC), the per tonne cost of production of lignite in Mine I and Mine II is Rs.426.08 and Rs.368.98 respectively.

On account of the fall in coal demand, the annual combined offtake targets for the coal producing subsidiary companies of CIL for 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 had to be reduced from 287.31 mts. to 260.65 mts., from 296.00 mts. to 268.50 mts. and from 303.18 mts. to 278.45 mts. respectively.

No formal survey of coal mines is conducted by the Government. The coal companies themselves conduct inspections of their respective coal mines periodically. The state-wise details of the existing coal mines in the country are given below:-

State	No. of existing coal mines
Andhra pradesh	69
Assam	6
Bihar	169
Jammu & Kashmir	3
Madhya Pradesh	127
Maharashtra	53
Orissa	22

Uttar Pradesh	4
West Bengal	108
Total	561

The state-wise production of coal and lignite in the last three years of 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given below:-

(million tonnes)

State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Coal			
Andhra Pradesh	28.941	27.326	29.556
Assam	0.687	0.637	0.572
Bihar	81.274	76.161	76.954
Jammu & Kashmir	0.005	0.010	0.028
Madhya Pradesh	84.753	84.937	87.941
Maharashtra	26.171	25.279	27.696
Orrisa	42.162	43.512	43.554
Uttar Pradesh	15.781	15.646	16.204
West Bengal	17.395	18.762	17.588
Total Coal	297.169	292.270	300.093
Lignite			
Gujarat	4.943	5.002	4.347
Rajasthan	-	0.249	0.222
Tamilnadu	18.109	18.168	17.552
Total Lignite	23.052	23.419	22.121

The coal and lignite production figures for 1999-2000 given in the above table are provisional. These figures have been published in the Coal Directory.

The Government estimates the demand of coal every year while finalising annual plan wherein coal supply plan is worked out for meeting the demand from various coal producing sources in the country. For the power, cement, steel and sponge iron there is a standing linkage committee (long-term) for assessing the long-term coal requirement. The committee reviews and assesses the demand annually. There is also quarterly review committee (short-term) for the demand assessment on sectors like cement and power.